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Applicant: Roland Kreutzer, et al.

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Sir:

Please amend the application before its examination as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete without prejudice claims 1-125 presently pending in the application.

Please add the following new claims 126-220 as follows.

126. (New) Method for inhibiting the expression of a given target gene in a cell, where an oligoribonucleotide with double-stranded structure (dsRNA) which has 15 to 49 base pairs is introduced into the cell, where one strand of the dsRNA has a region I with not more than 49 successive nucleotide pairs and which is at least in parts complementary to the target gene and where a complementary region II within the double-stranded structure is formed by two separate RNA single strands.

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